

# Elliptic parameters and defining equations for elliptic fibrations on a Kummer surface

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ABSTRACT. We pose the problem to determine explicit defining equations of various elliptic fibrations on a given  $K3$  surface, and study the case of the Kummer surfaces of the product of two elliptic curves.

## 1. Introduction

**1.1. Problem setting.** Let  $X$  be a  $K3$  surface defined over a base field  $k$ , and let  $k(X)$  denote its function field. Suppose  $f : X \rightarrow \mathbf{P}^1$  is an elliptic fibration on  $X$  with a section  $O$ . Then it defines a non-constant function  $u = f(x)$  ( $x \in X$ ), and hence an element  $u \in k(X)$ . We call  $u$  the *elliptic parameter* for the elliptic fibration  $f$ . (Actually  $u$  is unique only up to the linear fractional transformations, but to fix the idea, we always choose one  $u$ . Note that the subfield  $k(u)$  of  $k(X)$  is uniquely defined by  $f$ ).

Now let  $E$  denote the generic fiber of  $f$ . Then  $E$  is an elliptic curve defined over  $k(u)$  such that the function field  $k(u)(E)$  is isomorphic to  $k(X)$  as the extensions of  $k$ .

PROBLEM 1. *Given a  $K3$  surface  $X/k$  and an elliptic fibration  $f$ , determine (i) the elliptic parameter  $u$  for  $f$ , (ii) the defining equation of the elliptic curve  $E/k(u)$ , and (iii) the Mordell-Weil lattice (MWL)  $E(k(u))$ .*

PROBLEM 2. *Given a  $K3$  surface  $X/k$ , determine all the (essentially distinct) elliptic parameters.*

Problem 2 is a combination of Problem 1 and the following standard problem:

PROBLEM 3. *Given a  $K3$  surface  $X/k$ , classify the elliptic fibrations  $f : X \rightarrow \mathbf{P}^1$  up to isomorphisms.*

**1.2. Main results.** In this paper, we focus on the case of Kummer surfaces  $X = \text{Km}(A)$ , where  $A = C_1 \times C_2$  is a product of two elliptic curves, and assume  $k$  is an algebraically closed field of characteristic different from 2.

In this case, Problem 3 has been solved by Oguiso [8] under the assumption

(#)  $C_1, C_2$  are not isogenous to each other and  $k = \mathbf{C}$  (the field of complex numbers).

Namely he classifies the configuration of singular fibers on such a Kummer surface  $X$  into eleven types  $\mathcal{J}_1, \dots, \mathcal{J}_{11}$ , and determines the number of the isomorphism classes for each type.

Our main results can be stated as follows: we solve Problem 1 for each type of Oguiso's list (without assuming (#)), and thus solve Problem 2 under the assumption (#). More details will be given in §1.5 and 1.7 after we fix the notation and review some known cases.

**1.3. Notation.** By a  $(-2)$ -curve we mean a smooth rational curve on  $X$  whose self-intersection number is  $-2$ . (It is called a “nodal curve” in Oguiso [8].) It is known (cf. [4]) that all irreducible components of a reducible fiber in an elliptic fibration are  $(-2)$ -curves.

We have a configuration of twenty-four  $(-2)$ -curves on  $X$ , called the *double Kummer pencil* (see Fig. 1, cf. [10]). It consists of the 16 exceptional curves  $A_{ij}$  arising from the minimal resolution  $X \rightarrow A/\iota_A$ , plus the 8 curves  $F_i, G_j$  obtained as the image of  $v_i \times C_2$  or  $C_1 \times v'_j$  under the rational map  $A \rightarrow S$ . Here  $\{v_i\}$  (or  $\{v'_i\}$ ) denote the 2-torsion points of  $C_1$  (resp.  $C_2$ ) ( $i, j \in I = \{0, 1, 2, 3\}$ ), and  $\iota_A$  denotes the inversion automorphism of  $A$ . These curves will be referred to as the *basic curves* below.

Suppose that the elliptic curve  $C_i$  is defined by the Legendre form

$$C_i : y_i^2 = x_i(x_i - 1)(x_i - \lambda_i) \quad \lambda_i \neq 0, 1.$$

We order the 2-torsion points by  $v_1 = (0, 0), v_2 = (1, 0), v_3 = (\lambda_1, 0)$ , with  $v_0$  denoting the origin of  $C_1$ ; similarly for  $v'_j$  and  $C_2$ .

The function field  $k(X)$  is equal to the subfield of the function field  $k(A) = k(x_1, y_1, x_2, y_2)$  consisting of the elements invariant under the inversion  $(x_1, y_1, x_2, y_2) \mapsto (x_1, -y_1, x_2, -y_2)$ , namely we have

$$k(X) = k(x_1, x_2, t), \quad t = \frac{y_2}{y_1},$$

where  $x_1, x_2$  and  $t$  are naturally regarded as functions on  $X$ , satisfying the relation

$$(1.1) \quad x_1(x_1 - 1)(x_1 - \lambda_1)t^2 = x_2(x_2 - 1)(x_2 - \lambda_2).$$

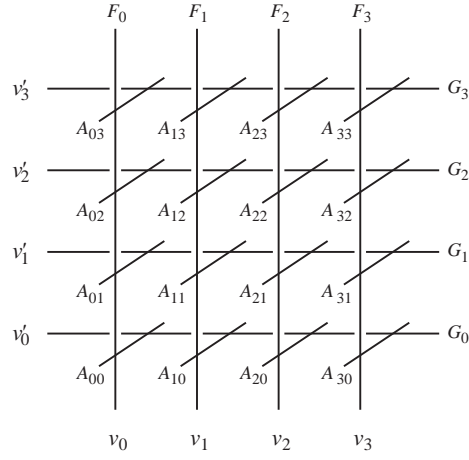
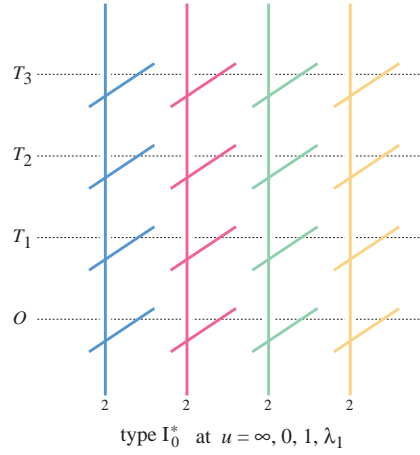


FIGURE 1. double Kummer pencil

**1.4. Examples.** We start from the most classical and elementary example:


 FIGURE 2. Kummer pencil (type  $\mathcal{I}_4$ )

**EXAMPLE 1.1** (Kummer pencils). The projection of  $A$  to the first factor induces an elliptic fibration  $\pi_1 : X \rightarrow \mathbf{P}^1$  with four singular fibers of type  $I_0^*$ :

$$\Phi_i = 2F_i + \sum_j A_{ij}$$

(see Fig. 2). This  $\pi_1$  and the similar  $\pi_2$  (obtained from the second projection) are respectively called the first or second Kummer pencil on  $X$ . The elliptic parameter for  $\pi_1$  (or  $\pi_2$ ) is obviously given by the function  $x_1$  (resp.  $x_2$ ) in  $k(X)$ . (This belongs to type  $\mathcal{J}_4$  in [8], and  $\pi_1$  and  $\pi_2$  are the two representatives of isomorphism classes, if  $C_1, C_2$  are not isogenous.)

The defining equation of the generic fiber over  $k(x_1)$  is easily obtained (see §2.3), which is isomorphic to the constant curve  $C_2$  over the quadratic extension  $k(x_1, y_1) = k(C_1)$  of  $k(x_1)$ . The Mordell-Weil lattice is isomorphic to the lattice  $\text{Hom}(C_1, C_2)$  with norm  $\varphi \mapsto \deg(\varphi)$  up to torsion (see [14, Prop.3.1]).

The next is the motivating example for studying the elliptic parameters and the problems posed in §1.1 in general.

EXAMPLE 1.2 (Inose's pencils). Using the twenty-four basic curves, we can find two disjoint divisors of Kodaira type  $\text{IV}^*$ . Namely, take the following divisors shown in Fig. 3:

$$\begin{cases} \Psi_1 = G_1 + G_2 + G_3 + 2(A_{01} + A_{02} + A_{03}) + 3F_0, \\ \Psi_2 = F_1 + F_2 + F_3 + 2(A_{10} + A_{20} + A_{30}) + 3G_0, \end{cases}$$

There is an elliptic fibration, called *Inose's pencil*, having these divisors as

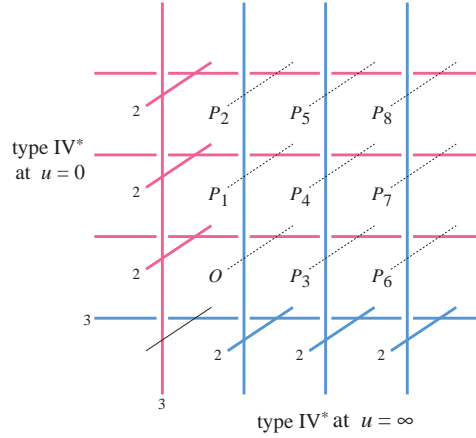


FIGURE 3. Inose's pencil (type  $\mathcal{J}_3$ )

the singular fibers over  $u = 0$  and  $u = \infty$ , as first shown by Inose [3]. The elliptic parameter for this is given by the function  $u = t (= y_2/y_1) \in k(X)$ , and the generic fiber  $E/k(t)$  is isomorphic to the cubic curve defined by the equation (1.1) in the projective plane with inhomogeneous coordinates  $x_1, x_2$ . (This belongs to type  $\mathcal{J}_3$  in [8].)

It should be remarked that Kuwata [6] has succeeded in constructing, by the use of Inose's pencil, some elliptic  $K3$  surfaces with high Mordell-Weil rank which have an explicit defining equation. For example, the base change  $t = s^3$  gives rise to the elliptic curve  $E/k(s)$  which has the highest possible rank  $r = 18$  (for  $k = \mathbf{C}$ ) provided that  $C_1$  and  $C_2$  are mutually isogenous but non-isomorphic elliptic curves with complex multiplications. We refer to Kuwata [6] and Shioda [12], [14] for more details including the defining equation of  $E$  in the Weierstrass form as well as the structure of MWL; see also §2.2.

EXAMPLE 1.3. Besides the Kummer pencils (Example 1.1), the elliptic pencil on the Kummer surface  $X = \text{Km}(C_1 \times C_2)$  which has been studied first is perhaps the one introduced in Shioda-Inose [10]. It has  $\text{II}^*$ ,  $\text{I}_0^*$ ,  $\text{I}_0^*$  as reducible singular fibers (for general values of  $\lambda_1$  and  $\lambda_2$ ). This has type  $\mathcal{J}_9$  in [8] (see Fig. 16). Via the base change of degree 2, it gives rise to an elliptic  $K3$  surface with two  $\text{II}^*$  fibers, which plays an important role in the theory of singular  $K3$  surfaces [10] and which has been reconsidered by Morrison [7] in a more general situation. It turns out that the elliptic parameter and the defining equation for this type  $\mathcal{J}_9$  is the hardest case treated in this paper (see §5.3).

**1.5. Results.** In the following Table 1, we give a summary of the elliptic parameters and the structure of the MWL for each type  $\mathcal{J}_n$ , to be constructed in the subsequent sections.

The first column shows the type  $\mathcal{J}_n$  of elliptic fibration following Oguiso's notation (cf. [8]). The second column shows the configuration of singular fibers in the *generic case*, which means that  $\lambda_1$  and  $\lambda_2$  are algebraically independent elements of  $k$  over  $\mathbf{Q}_0$ , where  $\mathbf{Q}_0$  is the prime field in  $k$ . The third column shows the structure of MWL of the generic fiber  $E$  over  $k(u)$ , again in the generic case. The last column gives the elliptic parameter which can be used for any  $\lambda_1, \lambda_2 (\neq 0, 1)$ .

The explicit form of defining equations should be found in the text, since it is not suitable to tabulate here. We note that each of these defining equations has coefficients in  $\mathbf{Q}_0(\lambda_1, \lambda_2)(u)$ , where  $u$  is the elliptic parameter.

We see from the table that the elliptic parameters for  $\mathcal{J}_n$  for  $n = 1, 2, 3$  are of the form  $u = t\varphi(x_1, x_2)$  with  $\varphi(x_1, x_2) \in k(x_1, x_2)$ , while those for  $\mathcal{J}_n$  for  $n > 3$  are contained in  $k(x_1, x_2)$ .

**1.6. Basic strategy of construction.** Theoretically, constructing an elliptic fibration on a  $K3$  surface is to find a divisor that has the same type as a singular fiber in the Kodaira's list (cf. [4] [9]). In practice, however, we need to find two divisors, one for the fiber at  $u = 0$ , and the other for the

Type	Singular fibers	MWL	Elliptic parameter $u$
$\mathcal{J}_1$	$2\mathrm{I}_8 + 8\mathrm{I}_1$	$\mathbf{Z}^2 \oplus \mathbf{Z}/2\mathbf{Z}$	$\frac{tx_1}{x_2}$
$\mathcal{J}_2$	$\mathrm{I}_4 + \mathrm{I}_{12} + 8\mathrm{I}_1$	$A_2^*[2] \oplus \mathbf{Z}/2\mathbf{Z}$	$\frac{t(x_1 - \lambda_1)(x_1 - x_2)}{x_2(x_2 - 1)}$
$\mathcal{J}_3$	$2\mathrm{IV}^* + 8\mathrm{I}_1$	$(A_2^*[2])^2$	$t$
$\mathcal{J}_4$	$4\mathrm{I}_0^*$	$(\mathbf{Z}/2\mathbf{Z})^2$	$x_i$
$\mathcal{J}_5$	$\mathrm{I}_6^* + 6\mathrm{I}_2$	$(\mathbf{Z}/2\mathbf{Z})^2$	$\frac{(x_1 - x_2)(\lambda_2(x_1 - \lambda_1) + (\lambda_1 - 1)x_2)}{(\lambda_2x_1 - x_2)(x_1 - \lambda_1 + (\lambda_1 - 1)x_2)}$
$\mathcal{J}_6$	$2\mathrm{I}_2^* + 4\mathrm{I}_2$	$(\mathbf{Z}/2\mathbf{Z})^2$	$\frac{x_1}{x_2}$
$\mathcal{J}_7$	$\mathrm{I}_4^* + 2\mathrm{I}_0^* + 2\mathrm{I}_1$	$\mathbf{Z}/2\mathbf{Z}$	$\frac{(x_2 - \lambda_2)(x_1 - x_2)}{(x_2 - 1)(\lambda_2x_1 - x_2)}$
$\mathcal{J}_8$	$\mathrm{III}^* + \mathrm{I}_2^* + 3\mathrm{I}_2 + \mathrm{I}_1$	$\mathbf{Z}/2\mathbf{Z}$	$-\frac{(x_2 - \lambda_2)(x_1 - x_2)}{\lambda_2(\lambda_2 - 1)x_1(x_1 - 1)}$
$\mathcal{J}_9$	$\mathrm{II}^* + 2\mathrm{I}_0^* + 2\mathrm{I}_1$	$\{0\}$	$\frac{(x_2 - \lambda_2)(x_1 - x_2)(\lambda_2x_1(x_1 - 1) + (\lambda_1 - 1)(x_2 - 1)(\lambda_2x_1 - x_2))}{(x_2 - 1)(\lambda_2x_1 - x_2)(\lambda_2x_1(x_1 - 1) + (\lambda_1 - 1)(x_2 - \lambda_2)(x_1 - x_2))}$
$\mathcal{J}_{10}$	$\mathrm{I}_8^* + \mathrm{I}_0^* + 4\mathrm{I}_1$	$\{0\}$	$\frac{(x_2 - \lambda_2)(x_1 - x_2)((\lambda_1 - 1)(x_2 - 1)(\lambda_2x_1 - x_2) + \lambda_2x_1(x_1 - 1))}{x_2(x_2 - 1)(x_1 - 1)(\lambda_2x_1 - x_2)}$
$\mathcal{J}_{11}$	$2\mathrm{I}_4^* + 4\mathrm{I}_1$	$\{0\}$	$\frac{x_2(x_2 - \lambda_2)(x_1 - x_2)}{x_1(x_2 - 1)(\lambda_2x_1 - x_2)}$

TABLE 1. Results

fiber at  $u = \infty$ , to write down an actual elliptic parameter. This is where the difficulty is.

Once an elliptic parameter is found, we want to find a change of variables that converts the defining equation to a Weierstrass form. In most cases we encounter an equation of the form  $y^2 = (\text{quartic polynomial})$ . We then use a standard algorithm to transform it to a Weierstrass form (see for example Cassels [1], or Connell [2]).

Some elliptic fibrations have nontrivial Mordell-Weil group. To determine the structure of Mordell-Weil lattice, we can use the method in [11] since we understand very well the intersection between the section and the components of singular fibers. Alternatively, we can compute the height pairing using the algorithm in [5] once we establish the conversion to the Weierstrass form. Note that [11] and [5] use different normalization of the height pairing, and they differ by a multiple of 2. In this article we adopt the normalization used in [11].

**1.7. Remark.** Fix a type  $\mathcal{J}_n$  ( $n = 1, \dots, 11$ ). As noted in §1.5, each of the defining equation of  $E/k(u)$  constructed in this paper has the coefficients in  $\mathbf{Q}_0(\lambda_1, \lambda_2)(u)$ , where  $u$  is the elliptic parameter, and  $\lambda_1$  (resp.  $\lambda_2$ ) is the Legendre parameter for  $C_1$  (resp.  $C_2$ ). Given  $C_i$ , there are in general six choices of  $\lambda_i$  (i.e., six different level 2-structures on  $C_i$ ). We have verified that, by different choices of  $\lambda_1$  or  $\lambda_2$ , we obtain as many nonisomorphic  $E$ 's belonging to the same type  $\mathcal{J}_n$ , as predicted by Oguiso's result ([8, Table B, p. 652]), and thus solved Problem 2 when  $C_1$  and  $C_2$  are not isogenous. The proof for this will be omitted in this paper, but we write down the results in a single special case where we take  $C_1 : y_1^2 = x_1^3 - 1$  and  $C_2 : y_2^2 = x_2^3 - x_2$  (see §6).

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## 2. Elliptic parameters for $\mathcal{J}_1$ , $\mathcal{J}_3$ , $\mathcal{J}_4$ , and $\mathcal{J}_6$

In this section we construct elliptic fibrations that have two singular fibers consisting only of the twenty-four basic curves. We use combinations of the following divisors of typical functions (cf. Examples in §1.4):

$$\begin{aligned} (x_1) &= 2F_1 + A_{10} + A_{11} + A_{12} + A_{13} - (2F_0 + A_{00} + A_{01} + A_{02} + A_{03}), \\ (x_2) &= 2G_1 + A_{01} + A_{11} + A_{21} + A_{31} - (2G_0 + A_{00} + A_{10} + A_{20} + A_{30}), \\ (t) &= G_1 + G_2 + G_3 + 2(A_{01} + A_{02} + A_{04}) + 3F_0 \\ &\quad - (F_1 + F_2 + F_3 + 2(A_{10} + A_{20} + A_{30}) + 3G_0). \end{aligned}$$

**2.1.  $\mathcal{J}_1$ .** An elliptic parameter for the type  $\mathcal{J}_1$  fibration is given by

$$u = \frac{tx_1}{x_2}.$$

It is easy to verify that the divisor of  $u$  is given by

$$\begin{aligned} (u) &= F_0 + F_1 + G_2 + G_3 + A_{02} + A_{03} + A_{12} + A_{13} \\ &\quad - (G_0 + G_1 + F_2 + F_3 + A_{20} + A_{21} + A_{30} + A_{31}), \end{aligned}$$

which is indicated in Fig. 4. Choosing  $A_{00}$  as the 0-section of the group

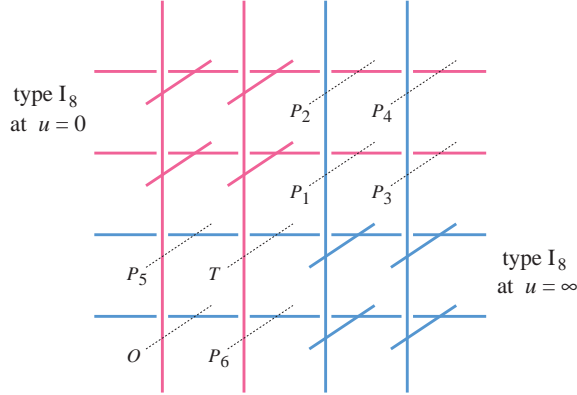


FIGURE 4.  $\mathcal{J}_1$

structure, we obtain the Weierstrass equation of the elliptic fibration

$$Y^2 = X^3 + ((\lambda_1 - 1)^2 u^4 - 2(\lambda_1 + 1)(\lambda_2 + 1)u^2 + (\lambda_2 - 1)^2)X^2 + 16\lambda_1\lambda_2 u^4 X,$$

where the change of variables is given by

$$X = \frac{4t^2 x_1^3}{x_2}, \quad Y = \frac{4t^2 x_1^3 (t^2 x_1 (x_1^2 - \lambda_1) + x_2 (x_2^2 - \lambda_2))}{x_2^3}.$$



Its discriminant is given by

$$\Delta(u) = 2^{12} \lambda_1^2 \lambda_2^2 u^8 d(u) d(-u),$$

where  $d(u)$  is a polynomial of degree 4 in  $u$ :

$$\begin{aligned} d(u) = & (\lambda_1 - 1)^2 u^4 + 4(\lambda_1 - 1) u^3 \\ & - 2(\lambda_1 \lambda_2 + \lambda_1 + \lambda_2 - 3) u^2 + 4(\lambda_2 - 1) u + (\lambda_2 - 1)^2. \end{aligned}$$

[The discriminant of  $d(u)$  vanishes if and only if  $\lambda_1 = \lambda_2$ . If  $\lambda_1 = \lambda_2$ , the elliptic fibration has two  $I_2$  fibers for general  $\lambda_1$ .]

The curve  $A_{11}$  corresponds to the 2-torsion section  $T = (0, 0)$ . The correspondence between the curves and the sections are as follows:

$$\begin{aligned} A_{22} & \leftrightarrow P_1 = (4u^2, -4u^2((\lambda_1 - 1)u^2 + \lambda_2 - 1)) \\ A_{23} & \leftrightarrow P_2 = (4\lambda_2 u^2, -4\lambda_2 u^2((\lambda_1 - 1)u^2 - \lambda_2 + 1)) \\ A_{32} & \leftrightarrow P_3 = (4\lambda_1 u^2, 4\lambda_1 u^2((\lambda_1 - 1)u^2 - \lambda_2 + 1)) \\ A_{33} & \leftrightarrow P_4 = (4\lambda_1 \lambda_2 u^2, 4\lambda_1 \lambda_2 u^2((\lambda_1 - 1)u^2 + \lambda_2 - 1)) \\ A_{01} & \leftrightarrow P_5 = (4\lambda_2, 4\lambda_2((\lambda_1 + 1)u^2 - \lambda_2 - 1)) \\ A_{10} & \leftrightarrow P_6 = (4\lambda_1 u^4, -4\lambda_1 u^4((\lambda_1 + 1)u^2 - \lambda_2 - 1)) \end{aligned}$$

These sections satisfy the following relations.

$$\begin{aligned} P_3 &= P_2 + T, & P_4 &= P_1 + T, \\ P_5 &= P_1 + P_2, & P_6 &= P_5 + T. \end{aligned}$$

The Mordell-Weil group is generated by  $T$ ,  $P_1$  and  $P_2$  in the general case where  $C_1$  and  $C_2$  are not isogenous. The height matrix with respect to  $\{P_1, P_2\}$  is shown to be

$$\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}.$$

**2.2.  $\mathcal{J}_3$ .** As we have seen in Example 1.2 (§1.4),

$$u = t$$

gives an elliptic parameter of type  $\mathcal{J}_3$ . We regard (1.1) as a cubic curve in  $x_1$  and  $x_2$  with coefficients in  $k(u) = k(t)$ . We choose  $(x_1, x_2) = (0, 0)$  as the origin of the group structure. The Weierstrass form is given by

$$\begin{aligned} Y^2 = & X^3 + 4(\lambda_1 + 1)(\lambda_2 + 1)u^2 X^2 \\ & + 16u^4((\lambda_1 \lambda_2 + 1)(\lambda_1 + \lambda_2 + 1) - 1)X \\ & + 16u^4((\lambda_1(\lambda_1 - 1)u^2 + \lambda_2(\lambda_2 - 1))^2 + 4\lambda_1 \lambda_2(\lambda_1 + \lambda_2)u^2). \end{aligned}$$

(This is relatively simple, but the intermediate calculations are rather complicated.) The change of variables between two forms of equations is given by

$$\begin{aligned} X &= \frac{4(\lambda_2(x_1 - 1)(x_1 - \lambda_1) + \lambda_1(x_2 - 1)(x_2 - \lambda_2) - \lambda_1\lambda_2)t^2}{x_1x_2}, \\ Y &= \frac{8(x_2 - 1)(x_2 - \lambda_2)(\lambda_2(\lambda_1 + 1)x_1 + \lambda_1(\lambda_2 + 1)x_2 - \lambda_1\lambda_2)t^2}{x_1^2x_2} \\ &\quad + \frac{4\lambda_1((\lambda_1 + 1)x_1 - 2\lambda_1)t^4}{x_1} + \frac{4\lambda_2((\lambda_2 + 1)x_2 - 2\lambda_2)t^2}{x_2}. \end{aligned}$$

The discriminant is of the form  $u^8d(u)$ , where  $d(u)$  is an irreducible polynomial of degree 8. Besides two  $IV^*$  fibers, the elliptic fibration has eight  $I_1$  fibers in the generic case. These eight  $I_1$  fibers can degenerate in four different ways; 2  $I_2$  + 4  $I_1$ , 4  $I_2$ , 4  $II$  or 2  $IV$ . For more detail, see Prop. 5.1 in [14].

There are eight other  $A_{ij}$ 's which define sections; the correspondence between these curves and the sections is as follows:

$$\begin{aligned} A_{12} &\leftrightarrow P_1 = (4u^2(\lambda_1^2u^2 - \lambda_2(\lambda_1 + 1)), \\ &\quad -4u^2(2\lambda_1^3u^4 - \lambda_1(\lambda_1 + 1)(2\lambda_2 - 1)u^2 + \lambda_2(\lambda_2 - 1))) \\ A_{13} &\leftrightarrow P_2 = \left( \frac{4u^2(\lambda_1^2u^2 - \lambda_2^2(\lambda_1 + 1))}{\lambda_2^2}, \right. \\ &\quad \left. - \frac{4u^2(2\lambda_1^3u^4 + \lambda_1\lambda_2^2(\lambda_1 + 1)(\lambda_2 - 2)u^2 - \lambda_2^4(\lambda_2 - 1))}{\lambda_2^3} \right) \\ A_{21} &\leftrightarrow P_3 = (-4(\lambda_1(\lambda_2 + 1)u^2 - \lambda_2^2), \\ &\quad -4(\lambda_1(\lambda_1 - 1)u^4 - \lambda_2(\lambda_2 + 1)(2\lambda_1 - 1)u^2 + 2\lambda_2^3)) \\ A_{22} &\leftrightarrow P_4 = (-4\lambda_1\lambda_2u^2, -4u^2(\lambda_1(\lambda_1 - 1)u^2 + \lambda_2(\lambda_2 - 1))) \\ A_{23} &\leftrightarrow P_5 = (-4\lambda_1u^2, -4u^2(\lambda_1(\lambda_1 - 1)u^2 - \lambda_2(\lambda_2 - 1))) \\ A_{31} &\leftrightarrow P_6 = \left( -\frac{4(\lambda_1^2(\lambda_2 + 1)u^2 - \lambda_2^2)}{\lambda_1^2}, \right. \\ &\quad \left. \frac{4(\lambda_1^4(\lambda_1 - 1)u^4 - \lambda_1^2\lambda_2(\lambda_1 - 2)(\lambda_2 + 1)u^2 - 2\lambda_2^3)}{\lambda_1^3} \right) \\ A_{32} &\leftrightarrow P_7 = (-4\lambda_2u^2, 4u^2(\lambda_1(\lambda_1 - 1)u^2 - \lambda_2(\lambda_2 - 1))) \\ A_{33} &\leftrightarrow P_8 = (-4u^2, 4u^2(\lambda_1(\lambda_1 - 1)u^2 + \lambda_2(\lambda_2 - 1))) \end{aligned}$$

These sections satisfy the following relations:

$$\begin{aligned} P_1 &= P_5 + P_8, & P_2 &= P_4 + P_7, \\ P_3 &= P_7 + P_8, & P_6 &= P_4 + P_5. \end{aligned}$$

We can show that  $P_4, P_8, P_5$ , and  $P_7$  generate the Mordell-Weil group in the generic case. The height matrix with respect to the basis  $\{P_4, P_8, P_5, P_7\}$  is

$$\begin{pmatrix} \frac{4}{3} & \frac{2}{3} & 0 & 0 \\ \frac{2}{3} & \frac{4}{3} & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & \frac{4}{3} & \frac{2}{3} \\ 0 & 0 & \frac{2}{3} & \frac{4}{3} \end{pmatrix}.$$

This is the direct sum of two copies of  $A_2^*[2]$ , the dual lattice of  $A_2$  scaled by 2.

**2.3.**  $\mathcal{J}_4$ . The elliptic parameter for the fibration  $\pi_1$  in Example 1.1 is given by

$$u = x_1,$$

while the elliptic parameter for  $\pi_2$  is given by  $u = x_2$ . For  $\pi_1$ , the change of variables

$$\begin{aligned} X &= u(u-1)(u-\lambda_1)x_2, \\ Y &= u^2(u-1)^2(u-\lambda_1)^2 t, \end{aligned}$$

converts the equation (1.1) to

$$Y^2 = X(X - u(u-1)(u-\lambda_1))(X - \lambda_2 u(u-1)(u-\lambda_1)).$$

The curve  $G_0$  is the 0-section. Other sections are:

$$\begin{aligned} G_1 &\leftrightarrow T_1 = (0, 0), \\ G_2 &\leftrightarrow T_2 = (u(u-1)(u-\lambda_1), 0), \\ G_3 &\leftrightarrow T_3 = (\lambda_2 u(u-1)(u-\lambda_1), 0). \end{aligned}$$

Similar results hold for  $\pi_2$ .

**2.4.**  $\mathcal{J}_6$ . The divisor of the function  $x_1/x_2$  is given by

$$\begin{aligned} \left(\frac{x_1}{x_2}\right) &= 2(F_1 + A_{10} + G_0) + A_{12} + A_{13} + A_{20} + A_{30} \\ &\quad - (2(F_0 + A_{01} + G_1) + A_{02} + A_{03} + A_{21} + A_{31}). \end{aligned}$$

This is the difference of two disjoint divisors of type  $I_2^*$ , and thus

$$u = \frac{x_1}{x_2}$$

is an elliptic parameter of type  $\mathcal{I}_6$ .

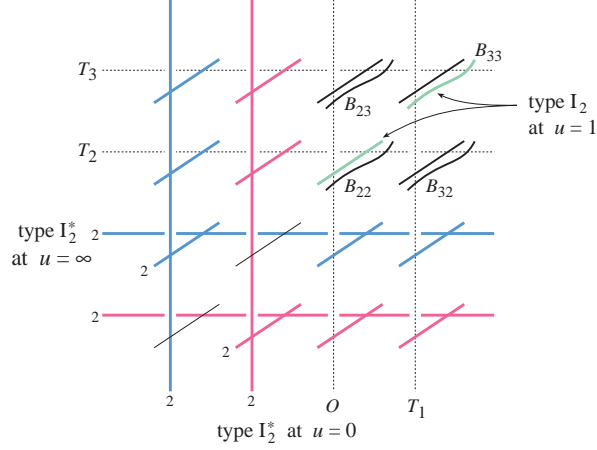


FIGURE 5.  $\mathcal{I}_6$

In order to write down a Weierstrass equation using the curve  $F_2$  as the 0-section, we put

$$X = \frac{x_1(x_1 - \lambda_1)(x_1 - x_2)(\lambda_2 x_1 - x_2)}{(x_1 - 1)x_2^3},$$

$$Y = \frac{(\lambda_1 - 1)t x_1^3(x_1 - \lambda_1)(x_1 - x_2)(\lambda_2 x_1 - x_2)}{(x_1 - 1)x_2^5}.$$

Then we obtain the Weierstrass equation

$$Y^2 = X(X - u(u - 1)(\lambda_2 u - \lambda_1))(X - u(u - \lambda_1)(\lambda_2 u - 1)).$$

Its discriminant is given by

$$\Delta(u) = 16u^8(\lambda_1 - 1)^2(\lambda_2 - 1)^2(u - 1)^2(u - \lambda_1)^2(\lambda_2 u - 1)^2(\lambda_2 u - \lambda_1)^2.$$

Besides two  $I_2^*$  fibers at  $u = 0$  and  $\infty$ , there are four  $I_2$  fibers at  $u = 1, \lambda_1, 1/\lambda_2$  and  $\lambda_1/\lambda_2$ . This elliptic surface has the following three 2-torsion sections:

$$\begin{aligned} F_3 &\leftrightarrow T_1 = (0, 0), \\ G_2 &\leftrightarrow T_2 = (u(u - \lambda_1)(\lambda_2 u - 1), 0), \\ G_3 &\leftrightarrow T_3 = (u(u - 1)(\lambda_2 u - \lambda_1), 0), \end{aligned}$$

Note that  $A_{22}, A_{23}, A_{32}$ , and  $A_{33}$  are components of four  $I_2$  fibers. The other components of these four  $I_2$  fibers are new  $(-2)$ -curves not among the basic curves, which will be clarified in §3.2.

### 3. More $(-2)$ -curves

In order to describe elliptic parameters for other types, we need more  $(-2)$ -curves than the basic curves. When we constructed elliptic parameters of type  $\mathcal{J}_6$  just above, we obtained some new  $(-2)$ -curves as components of  $I_2$  fibers. In this section we give a systematic way to obtain such  $(-2)$ -curves.

For our purpose, it is convenient to regard  $X = \text{Km}(C_1 \times C_2)$  as a double cover of the product of projective lines:  $\mathbf{P}^1 \times \mathbf{P}^1 = \{(x_1 : z_1), (x_2 : z_2)\}$ . Let  $p_i : C_i \rightarrow \mathbf{P}^1$  ( $i = 1, 2$ ) be the projection given by

$$\begin{aligned} p_i : C_i &\longrightarrow \mathbf{P}^1 \\ (x_i : y_i : z_i) &\longmapsto \begin{cases} (x_i : z_i) & \text{if } z_i \neq 0 \\ (1 : 0) & \text{if } z_i = 0 \end{cases} \end{aligned}$$

Then the map  $p_1 \times p_2 : A = C_1 \times C_2 \rightarrow \mathbf{P}^1 \times \mathbf{P}^1$  factors through  $\bar{\pi} : A/\iota_A \rightarrow \mathbf{P}^1 \times \mathbf{P}^1$ . Let  $\pi$  be the morphism of degree two from  $X$  to  $\mathbf{P}^1 \times \mathbf{P}^1$  that makes the following diagram commutative:

$$\begin{array}{ccccc} & X & & & \\ & \downarrow & \searrow \pi & & \\ A & \longrightarrow & A/\iota_A & \xrightarrow{\bar{\pi}} & \mathbf{P}^1 \times \mathbf{P}^1 \end{array}$$

We denote by  $R_{ij}$  the point in  $\mathbf{P}^1 \times \mathbf{P}^1$  that is the image of the exceptional curve  $A_{ij}$  by  $\pi$ . To obtain more  $(-2)$ -curves, we look for curves in  $\mathbf{P}^1 \times \mathbf{P}^1$  which lift to a  $(-2)$ -curve via the map  $\pi$ .

**3.1.  $(1, 1)$ -curves.** Let  $L$  be a curve in  $\mathbf{P}^1 \times \mathbf{P}^1$  defined by a bihomogeneous equation of bidegree  $(1, 1)$ :

$$ax_1x_2 + bx_1z_2 + cz_1x_2 + dz_1z_2 = 0.$$

We call such a curve  $(1, 1)$ -curve for short. By an abuse of notation, we denote the image of  $F_i$  and  $G_i$  under  $\pi : S \rightarrow \mathbf{P}^1 \times \mathbf{P}^1$  by the same letters  $F_i$  and  $G_i$ , respectively. For example,  $F_1$  is the curve with the equation  $x_1 = 0$ , and  $G_3$  with  $x_2 - \lambda_2 z_2 = 0$ , etc.

Let  $L$  be a  $(1, 1)$ -curve in  $\mathbf{P}^1 \times \mathbf{P}^1$ . Its pullback  $\pi^{-1}(L)$  ramifies at the intersection of  $L$  and  $F_i$  or  $G_j$ , except when the intersection point falls on  $R_{ij} = F_i \cap G_j$ .

LEMMA 4. *Let  $L$  be a  $(1, 1)$ -curve. Then,*

- (1) *If  $L$  passes three of sixteen  $R_{ij}$ 's, then  $\pi^{-1}(L)$  is a curve of genus 0.*
- (2) *If  $L$  passes two out of sixteen  $R_{ij}$ 's, then  $\pi^{-1}(L)$  is a curve of genus 1.*

PROOF. In general a  $(1, 1)$ -curve  $L$  intersects with  $\sum F_i$  (resp.  $\sum G_j$ ) at four points. If  $L$  passes three of sixteen  $R_{ij}$ 's, then it intersects with  $F_i$  one more time and  $G_j$  one more time outside  $R_{ij}$ . This implies that  $\pi^{-1}(L)$  ramifies at two points. By Hurwitz's theorem  $\pi^{-1}(L)$  is a curve of genus 0. Similarly, if  $L$  passes two out of sixteen  $R_{ij}$ 's,  $\pi^{-1}(L)$  ramifies at four points, and it is a curve of genus 1.  $\square$

A  $(1, 1)$ -curve is uniquely determined by a set of three points in a general position. If we choose  $R_{i_0j_0}$ ,  $R_{i_1j_1}$ ,  $R_{i_2j_2}$  so that no two of them are on the same  $F_i$  or  $G_j$ , then they are in general position. Let  $i_3$  and  $j_3$  be the missing indices. In other words, we choose  $i_3$  and  $j_3$  such that  $\{i_0, i_1, i_2, i_3\} = \{j_0, j_1, j_2, j_3\} = \{0, 1, 2, 3\}$ . Under the condition that the two elliptic curves  $C_1$  and  $C_2$  are not isomorphic, the  $(1, 1)$ -curve passing through  $R_{i_0j_0}$ ,  $R_{i_1j_1}$ , and  $R_{i_2j_2}$  does not pass  $R_{i_3j_3}$ . Thus, choosing  $R_{i_0j_0}$ ,  $R_{i_1j_1}$ ,  $R_{i_2j_2}$  we obtain a  $(1, 1)$ -curve whose pullback by  $\pi$  is an irreducible  $(-2)$ -curve in  $X$ . We denote such a  $(1, 1)$ -curve by  $L_{i_0j_0, i_1j_1, i_2j_2}$ , and its pullback by  $\tilde{L}_{i_0j_0, i_1j_1, i_2j_2}$ . There are ninety-six such  $(-2)$ -curves. Also note that  $\tilde{L}_{i_0j_0, i_1j_1, i_2j_2}$  intersects twice with each of  $A_{i_0j_0}$ ,  $A_{i_1j_1}$ , and  $A_{i_2j_2}$ .

The  $(1, 1)$ -curve  $L_{00,11,22}$  passes through  $R_{00}$ ,  $R_{11}$ ,  $R_{22}$ . It is given by the bihomogeneous equation  $x_2z_1 - x_1z_2 = 0$ . In the sequel we write it in the affine form  $x_2 - x_1 = 0$  for simplicity.  $\tilde{L}_{00,11,22}$  is denoted by  $A^{44}$  in Oguiso [8], which appears in the  $\mathcal{J}_2$  fibration. We denote it by  $B_{33}$  to make it consistent with our notation, indicating that it intersects with  $F_3$  and  $G_3$  outside  $A_{33}$ . Note, however, that there are six  $(-2)$ -curves of the form  $\tilde{L}_{i_0j_0, i_1j_1, i_2j_2}$  that intersect with  $F_3$  and  $G_3$ .

Fig. 6 shows the curve  $B_{33}$  in the affine space  $\mathbf{A}_{x_1} \times \mathbf{A}_{x_2} \times \mathbf{A}_t$ . As a matter of fact, if we substitute  $x_2$  by  $x_1$  in (1.1), the equation factorizes into

$$x_1(x_1 - 1)(x_1t^2 - x_1 - t^2\lambda_1 + \lambda_2) = 0,$$

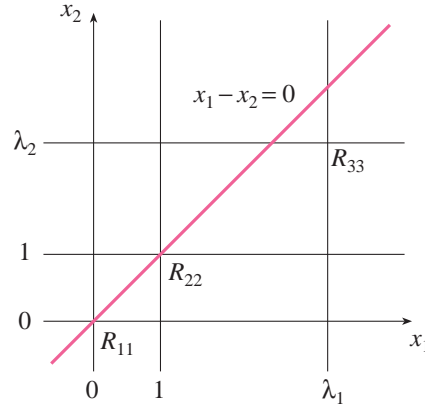
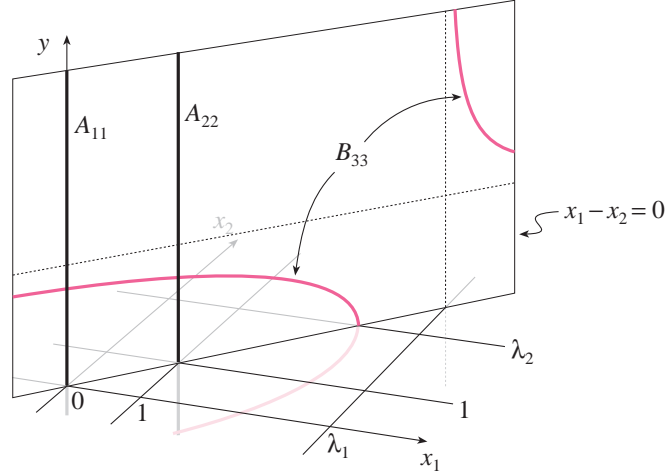
which implies that the intersection between  $x_2 - x_1 = 0$  and the affine Kummer surface (1.1) has three irreducible components, namely  $A_{11}$ ,  $A_{22}$ , and  $B_{33}$ . We also see that a parametrization of  $B_{33}$  is given by

$$(x_1, x_2, t) = \left( \frac{\lambda_1 s^2 - 1}{s^2 - 1}, \frac{\lambda_1 s^2 - 1}{s^2 - 1}, s \right).$$

The zero divisor of the function  $x_2 - x_1 \in k(x_1, x_2, t)$  is  $A_{11} + A_{22} + B_{33}$ , while the polar divisor is of the form  $D_1 + D_2 + rA_{00}$ , where

$$D_1 = 2F_0 + A_{00} + A_{01} + A_{02} + A_{03},$$

$$D_2 = 2G_0 + A_{00} + A_{10} + A_{20} + A_{30}.$$


 FIGURE 6.  $(-2)$ -curve  $B_{33}$ 

Since  $A_{00}$  intersects twice with the divisor  $A_{11} + A_{22} + B_{33}$ , the intersection number  $A_{00} \cdot (D_1 + D_2 + rA_{00})$  must be 2, which implies  $r = -1$ . This shows

$$(x_2 - x_1) = A_{11} + A_{22} + B_{33} - (2F_0 + 2G_0 + A_{00} + A_{01} + A_{02} + A_{03} + A_{10} + A_{20} + A_{30}).$$

This and similar calculations of divisors are used to find the elliptic parameter with a prescribed divisor in §4 and §5.

**3.2.  $I_2$  fibers of type  $\mathcal{J}_6$  fibration.** The elliptic parameter  $u = x_1/x_2$ , which is of type  $\mathcal{J}_6$ , defines a pencil of  $(1,1)$ -curves  $x_1 - ux_2 = 0$ .

The general fiber of this elliptic fibration is the pullback of a  $(1, 1)$ -curve passing through  $R_{00}$  and  $R_{11}$ . If  $x_1 - ux_2 = 0$  passes through a third  $R_{ij}$ , then its pullback is a singular fiber (see Fig. 7). Four fibers of type  $I_2$ , which

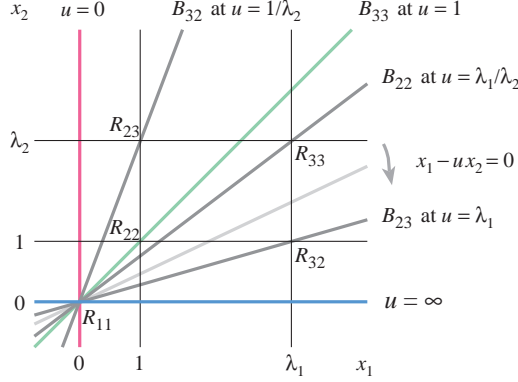


FIGURE 7. pencil of  $(1, 1)$ -curves

are mentioned in §2.4 arise as follows:

$$\begin{array}{ll} \tilde{L}_{00,11,23} + A_{23} & \text{at } u = 1/\lambda_2, \\ \tilde{L}_{00,11,33} + A_{33} & \text{at } u = \lambda_1/\lambda_2, \end{array} \quad \begin{array}{ll} B_{33} + A_{22} & \text{at } u = 1, \\ \tilde{L}_{00,11,32} + A_{32} & \text{at } u = \lambda_1. \end{array}$$

**3.3. Notation.** Even though the notation “ $B_{33}$ ” is ambiguous as we mentioned earlier, it is quite convenient. We thus use the following notation in the sequel:

$$(3.1) \quad \begin{array}{ll} B_{32} = \tilde{L}_{00,11,23} : \lambda_2 x_1 - x_2 = 0, & B_{33} = \tilde{L}_{00,11,22} : x_1 - x_2 = 0, \\ B_{22} = \tilde{L}_{00,11,33} : \lambda_2 x_1 - \lambda_1 x_2 = 0, & B_{23} = \tilde{L}_{00,11,32} : x_1 - \lambda_1 x_2 = 0. \end{array}$$

Later in §4.3 and §5.2, we introduce more  $(-2)$ -curves of this type,  $B_{31}$ ,  $B_{12}$  and  $B_{13}$ .

#### 4. Elliptic parameters for $\mathcal{I}_2$ , $\mathcal{I}_7$ , $\mathcal{I}_8$ and $\mathcal{I}_{11}$

**4.1.  $\mathcal{I}_2$ .** Using  $B_{33}$ , we can construct an elliptic parameter of type  $\mathcal{I}_2$ . In fact, the divisor

$$\Psi_{2,0} = F_3 + A_{33} + G_3 + B_{33}$$

is a divisor of type  $I_4$ , and it does not intersect with the divisor of type  $I_{12}$  given by

$$\begin{aligned} \Psi_{2,\infty} = & F_0 + A_{02} + G_2 + A_{12} + F_1 + A_{10} \\ & + G_0 + A_{20} + F_2 + A_{21} + G_1 + A_{01} \end{aligned}$$



(see Fig. 8 below). It turns out that the divisor of the function

$$u = \frac{t(x_1 - \lambda_1)(x_1 - x_2)}{x_2(x_2 - 1)}$$

is  $\Psi_{2,0} - \Psi_{2,\infty}$ , and it is an elliptic parameter of type  $\mathcal{J}_2$ . Choosing  $A_{30}$  as

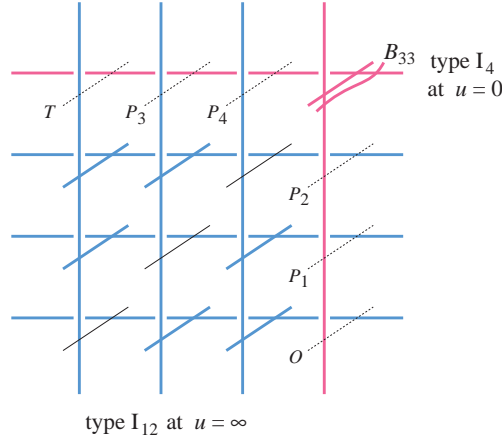


FIGURE 8.  $\mathcal{J}_2$

the 0-section, we obtain the Weierstrass equation

$$Y^2 = X^3 + (u^4 + 2(2\lambda_1\lambda_2 - \lambda_1 - \lambda_2 + 2)u^2 + (\lambda_2 - \lambda_1)^2)X^2 - 16\lambda_1\lambda_2(\lambda_1 - 1)(\lambda_2 - 1)u^2X,$$

where the change of variables is given by

$$\begin{aligned} X &= -\frac{4\lambda_1(\lambda_1 - 1)(x_1 - x_2)(x_2 - \lambda_2)}{x_1(x_1 - 1)}, \\ Y &= -\frac{4\lambda_1(\lambda_1 - 1)(x_1 - x_2)(x_2 - \lambda_2)(2x_1 - 2x_2 - \lambda_1 + \lambda_2)}{x_1(x_1 - 1)} \\ &\quad + \frac{4\lambda_1(\lambda_1 - 1)(x_1 - x_2)^2(x_2 - \lambda_2)^3(2x_1x_2 - x_1 - x_2)}{t^2x_1^3(x_1 - 1)^3}. \end{aligned}$$

The discriminant of the fibration is of the form  $u^4d(u)$ , where  $d(u)$  is a polynomial of degree 8. The discriminant of  $d(u)$  vanishes if and only if

$$\lambda_2 = \lambda_1, 1 - \lambda_1, \frac{1}{\lambda_1}, \text{ or } \frac{\lambda_1}{\lambda_1 - 1}.$$

The curve  $A_{03}$  corresponds to the 2-torsion section  $T = (0, 0)$ . The correspondence between the curves and the sections is as follows:

$$\begin{aligned}
A_{31} &\leftrightarrow P_1 = (4\lambda_1\lambda_2, 4\lambda_1\lambda_2(u^2 + \lambda_1 + \lambda_2)) \\
A_{32} &\leftrightarrow P_2 = (4(\lambda_1 - 1)(\lambda_2 - 1), \\
&\quad -4(\lambda_1 - 1)(\lambda_2 - 1)(u^2 - \lambda_1 - \lambda_2 + 2)) \\
A_{13} &\leftrightarrow P_3 = (-4u^2(\lambda_1 - 1)(\lambda_2 - 1), \\
&\quad 4(\lambda_1 - 1)(\lambda_2 - 1)u^2(u^2 + \lambda_1 + \lambda_2)) \\
A_{23} &\leftrightarrow P_4 = (-4\lambda_1\lambda_2u^2, -4\lambda_1\lambda_2u^2(u^2 - \lambda_1 - \lambda_2 + 2))
\end{aligned}$$

These sections satisfy the following relations.

$$P_3 = P_1 + T, \quad P_4 = P_2 + T.$$

The Mordell-Weil group is generated by  $T$ ,  $P_1$  and  $P_2$  in the general case where  $C_1$  and  $C_2$  are not isogenous. The height matrix with respect to  $\{P_1, P_2\}$  is shown to be

$$\begin{pmatrix} \frac{4}{3} & \frac{2}{3} \\ \frac{2}{3} & \frac{4}{3} \end{pmatrix}.$$

Thus the Mordell-Weil lattice is isomorphic to  $A_2^*[2]$ .

**4.2.  $\mathcal{J}_7$ .** Using the curves  $B_{33}$  and  $B_{32}$  introduced in §3.3, we can form two disjoint divisors of type  $I_0^*$ :

$$\begin{aligned}
\Psi_{7,0} &= 2G_3 + A_{03} + A_{13} + A_{33} + B_{33}, \\
\Psi_{7,\infty} &= 2G_2 + A_{02} + A_{12} + A_{32} + B_{32}.
\end{aligned}$$

Looking for the function whose divisor is  $\Psi_{7,0} - \Psi_{7,\infty}$ , we obtain the elliptic parameter

$$(4.1) \quad u = \frac{(x_2 - \lambda_2)(x_1 - x_2)}{(x_2 - 1)(\lambda_2 x_1 - x_2)}.$$

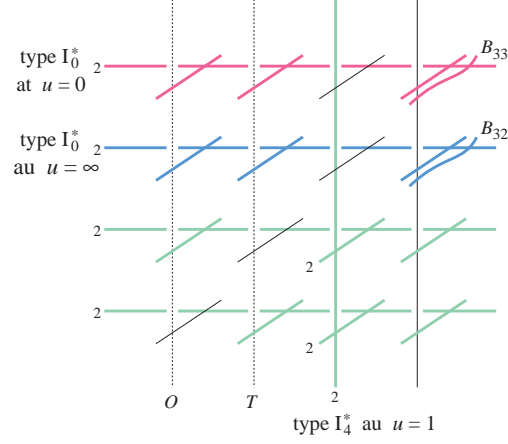
The divisor of the function

$$u - 1 = -\frac{(\lambda_2 - 1)x_2(x_1 - 1)}{(x_2 - 1)(\lambda_2 x_1 - x_2)}$$

is given by the following divisor consisting only of the basic curves:

$$A_{01} + A_{31} + 2G_1 + 2A_{21} + 2F_2 + 2A_{20} + 2G_0 + A_{10} + A_{30}.$$

This is a singular fiber of type  $I_4^*$  (see Fig. 9). Thus, the elliptic parameter given by (4.1) is of type  $\mathcal{J}_7$ .


 FIGURE 9.  $\mathcal{J}_7$ 

The change of variables

$$\begin{aligned} X &= \frac{\lambda_2 u(u-1)^2 x_1}{x_2} \\ &= \frac{\lambda_2(\lambda_2-1)^2 x_1(x_1-1)^2 x_2(x_2-\lambda_2)(x_1-x_2)}{(x_2-1)^3(\lambda_2 x_1-x_2)^3}, \\ Y &= \frac{\lambda_2(\lambda_2-1)u^2(u-1)^2}{t} \\ &= \frac{\lambda_2(\lambda_2-1)^3(x_1-1)^2 x_2^2(x_2-\lambda_2)^2(x_1-x_2)^2}{t(x_2-1)^4(\lambda_2 x_1-x_2)^4}, \end{aligned}$$

converts (1.1) to the Weierstrass equation

$$Y^2 = X^3 - u(u-1)((\lambda_1\lambda_2+1)u - \lambda_1 - \lambda_2)X^2 + \lambda_1\lambda_2u^2(u-1)^4X.$$

Its discriminant is of the form  $u^6(u-1)^{10}d(u)$ , where  $d(u)$  is a polynomial of degree 2.

Generically, it has only one section other than 0-section:

$$F_2 \leftrightarrow T = (0, 0).$$

**4.3.  $\mathcal{J}_8$ .** To find an elliptic parameter of type  $\mathcal{J}_8$ , we need to construct a  $I_2^*$  fiber. For this, we can make use of  $B_{33}$  once again. The divisor

$$\Psi_{8,0} = A_{01} + A_{02} + 2F_0 + 2A_{03} + 2G_3 + A_{33} + B_{33}$$

is of type  $I_2^*$  and it does not intersect with the divisor

$$\Psi_{8,\infty} = A_{12} + 2F_1 + 3A_{10} + 4E_0 + 3A_{20} + 2F_2 + A_{21} + 2A_{30},$$

which is of type III\*. We look for a function whose divisor is  $\Psi_{8,0} - \Psi_{8,\infty}$ , and we obtain the elliptic parameter of type  $\mathcal{J}_8$

$$u = -\frac{(x_2 - \lambda_2)(x_1 - x_2)}{\lambda_2(\lambda_2 - 1)x_1(x_1 - 1)}.$$

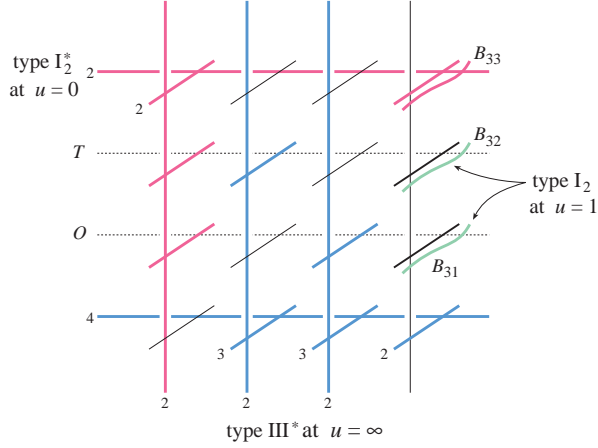


FIGURE 10.  $\mathcal{J}_8$

Let  $B_{31}$  be the  $(-2)$ -curve  $\tilde{L}_{00,13,22} : (\lambda_2 - 1)x_1 + x_2 - \lambda_2 = 0$ . Then  $B_{32}$  and  $B_{31}$  form a fiber of type  $I_2$  at  $u = 1$ . Also  $A_{32}$  and the pullback of a certain  $(2, 2)$ -curve form another fiber of type  $I_2$  at  $u = 1/(\lambda_1 \lambda_2)$ , while  $A_{31}$  together with the pullback of a certain  $(2, 2)$ -curve form the third fiber of type  $I_2$  at  $u = (\lambda_1 - 1)^{-1}(\lambda_2 - 1)^{-1}$ . The change of variables

$$X = u((\lambda_1 - 1)(\lambda_2 - 1)u - 1) \frac{(x_2 - 1)(\lambda_2 x_1 - x_2)}{(\lambda_2 - 1)x_2(x_1 - 1)},$$

$$Y = -u^3((\lambda_1 - 1)(\lambda_2 - 1)u - 1) \frac{\lambda_2(x_2 - 1)(\lambda_2 x_1 - x_2)}{t x_2(x_1 - 1)},$$

converts (1.1) to the Weierstrass equation

$$Y^2 = X^3 - u((2\lambda_1 \lambda_2 - \lambda_1 - \lambda_2 + 2)u - 2)X^2 - u^2(u - 1)(\lambda_1 \lambda_2 u - 1)((\lambda_1 - 1)(\lambda_2 - 1)u - 1)X.$$

Its discriminant is

$$\Delta(u) = 16u^8(u - 1)^2(\lambda_1 \lambda_2 u - 1)^2((\lambda_1 - 1)(\lambda_2 - 1)u - 1)^2 \times (4\lambda_1 \lambda_2(\lambda_1 - 1)(\lambda_2 - 1)u + (\lambda_1 - \lambda_2)^2).$$

[If  $\lambda_2 = -\lambda_1, 2 - \lambda_2$ , or  $\lambda_1/(2\lambda_1 - 1)$ , this elliptic fibration has fiber of type III for general  $\lambda_1$ .]

Generically, it has only one section other than 0-section:

$$G_2 \leftrightarrow T = (0, 0).$$

**4.4.  $\mathcal{J}_{11}$ .** Modifying the divisors appearing in the type  $\mathcal{J}_7$  fibration we constructed in §4.2, we form two divisors

$$\Psi_{11,0} = A_{31} + A_{21} + 2G_1 + 2A_{01} + 2F_0 + 2A_{03} + 2G_3 + A_{33} + B_{33},$$

$$\Psi_{11,\infty} = A_{30} + A_{20} + 2G_0 + 2A_{10} + 2F_1 + 2A_{12} + 2G_2 + A_{32} + B_{32}.$$

They are of type  $I_4^*$  and they do not intersect with each other.

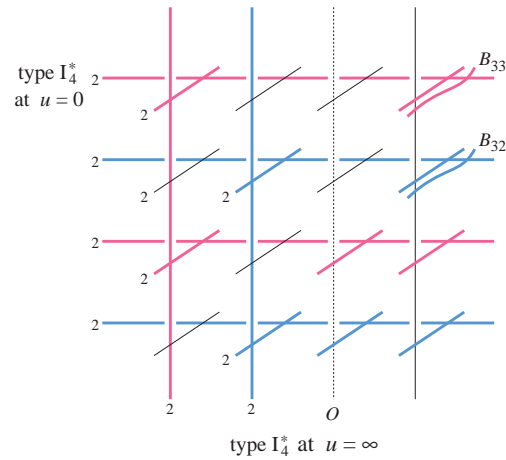


FIGURE 11.  $\mathcal{J}_{11}$

We look for a function whose divisor is  $\Psi_{11,0} - \Psi_{11,\infty}$ , and we obtain the elliptic parameter of type  $\mathcal{J}_{11}$ :

$$u = \frac{x_2(x_2 - \lambda_2)(x_1 - x_2)}{x_1(x_2 - 1)(\lambda_2 x_1 - x_2)}.$$

The change of variables

$$\begin{aligned}
X &= u \frac{(\lambda_1 - 1)(x_2 - \lambda_2)(x_1 - x_2)}{x_1(x_1 - 1)} \\
&= \frac{(\lambda_1 - 1)x_2(x_2 - \lambda_2)^2(x_1 - x_2)^2}{x_1^2(x_1 - 1)(x_2 - 1)(\lambda_2 x_1 - x_2)}, \\
Y &= u^2 \frac{(\lambda_1 - 1)(x_2 - \lambda_2)^2(x_1 - x_2)^2}{t x_1^2(x_1 - 1)^2} \\
&= \frac{(\lambda_1 - 1)x_2^2(x_2 - \lambda_2)^4(x_1 - x_2)^4}{t x_1^4(x_1 - 1)^2(x_2 - 1)^2(\lambda_2 x_1 - x_2)^2}
\end{aligned}$$

converts (1.1) to the Weierstrass equation

$$\begin{aligned}
Y^2 &= X^3 + (\lambda_1 u^2 - (2\lambda_1 \lambda_2 - \lambda_1 - \lambda_2 + 2)u + \lambda_2) u X^2 \\
&\quad + (\lambda_1 - 1)(\lambda_2 - 1)((\lambda_1 \lambda_2 + 1)u - 2\lambda_2) u^3 X + \lambda_2(\lambda_1 - 1)^2(\lambda_2 - 1)^2 u^5.
\end{aligned}$$

Its discriminant is of the form  $u^{10}d(u)$ , where  $d(u)$  is a polynomial of degree 4. The discriminant of  $d(u)$  is too complicated to write down here. However, a simple search reveals that there are cases where four  $I_1$  fibers degenerate even when  $C_1$  and  $C_2$  are not isogenous.

REMARK. Suppose that the characteristic of the base field is 0.

(1) If  $\lambda_1 = -1$  and  $\lambda_2 = 9 \pm 4\sqrt{5}$ , then the fibration has one  $I_2$  fiber and one type II fiber. In this case  $j$ -invariant of  $C_1$  is 1728 and that of  $C_2$  is  $78608 = 2^4 17^3$ . They are not isogenous, and they can be defined over  $\mathbf{Q}$ .

(2) If  $\lambda_1 = -1$  and  $\lambda_2 = \pm\sqrt{-1}$ , then the fibration has two type II fibers. In this case  $j$ -invariant of  $C_1$  is 1728 and that of  $C_2$  is 128. They are not isogenous, and they can be defined over  $\mathbf{Q}$ .

## 5. (2, 2)-curves and $\mathcal{J}_5$ , $\mathcal{J}_9$ and $\mathcal{J}_{10}$

**5.1. (2, 2)-curves.** Now the pullbacks of (1, 1)-curves are not enough to construct all the elliptic fibrations in Oguiso's list. A pullback of a (2, 2)-curve is a candidate for missing  $(-2)$ -curves. A nonsingular (2, 2)-curve in  $\mathbf{P}^1 \times \mathbf{P}^1$  is a curve of genus 1, and thus, we first look for (2, 2)-curves with a node. Then we try to impose conditions such that their pullbacks are  $(-2)$ -curves. Here, we do not try to make a systematic search as before.

Actually, we can construct an elliptic fibration of type  $\mathcal{J}_5$  using only pullbacks of (1, 1)-curves and the basic curves. As a by-product, however, we obtain some new  $(-2)$ -curves which are pullbacks of (2, 2)-curves. Such curves have a node at  $R_{11}$ . They are given by an equation of the form

$$a x_1^2 z_2^2 + b x_2 x_1 z_2 z_1 + c x_2^2 z_1^2 + d x_1 x_2^2 z_1 + e x_2 z_2 z_1^2 + f z_2^2 z_1^2 = 0.$$

The fact that it has a node at  $R_{11}$  corresponds to the fact that the equation does not have the terms  $x_1^2 x_2^2$ ,  $x_1^2 x_2 z_2$ , and  $x_1 z_1 x_2^2$ . In order to obtain such

a  $(2, 2)$ -curve, we need to specify six points among  $R_{ij}$  ( $1 \leq i, j \leq 4$ ) such that no three among them are on the same  $F_i$  or  $G_j$ . We use such curves to construct an elliptic fibration of type  $\mathcal{J}_9$  and  $\mathcal{J}_{10}$ .

**5.2.  $\mathcal{J}_5$ .** An elliptic fibration of type  $\mathcal{J}_5$  has six  $I_2$  fibers together with one  $I_6^*$  fiber. In order to write down an elliptic parameter for  $\mathcal{J}_5$ , we need to identify these six  $I_2$  fibers.

Let  $B_{33}$  and  $B_{32}$  be the  $(-2)$ -curves introduced in §3.3. Consider two more  $(-2)$ -curves of this type:

$$B_{12} := \tilde{L}_{00,23,31} : \lambda_2(x_1 - \lambda_1) + (\lambda_1 - 1)x_2 = 0,$$

$$B_{13} := \tilde{L}_{00,22,31} : x_1 - \lambda_1 + (\lambda_1 - 1)x_2 = 0.$$

Looking at Fig. 12, we see that  $B_{33}$  and  $B_{12}$  intersect each other only at two points above the intersection of lines  $x_1 - x_2 = 0$  and  $\lambda_2(x_1 - \lambda_1) + (\lambda_1 - 1)x_2 = 0$ . Thus, the divisor  $B_{33} + B_{12}$  is a singular fiber of type  $I_2$ . Similarly,  $B_{32} + B_{13}$  is another singular fiber of type  $I_2$ . Furthermore,  $B_{33} + B_{12}$  and  $B_{32} + B_{13}$  do not intersect each other since the image of these curves in  $\mathbf{A}_{x_1} \times \mathbf{A}_{x_2}$  intersect only at  $R_{ij}$  (see Fig. 12 below).

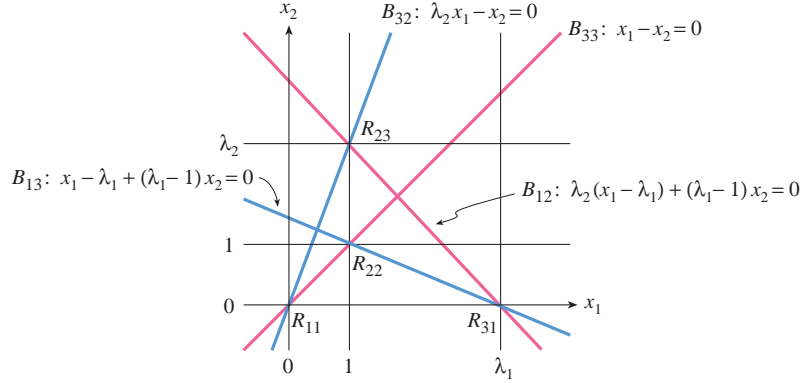


FIGURE 12.  $(1, 1)$ -curves

Computing the divisors  $(x_1 - x_2)$ ,  $(\lambda_2(x_1 - \lambda_1) + (\lambda_1 - 1)x_2)$ ,  $(\lambda_2 x_1 - x_2)$  and  $(x_1 - \lambda_1 + (\lambda_1 - 1)x_2)$ , we see that

$$u = \frac{(x_1 - x_2)(\lambda_2(x_1 - \lambda_1) + (\lambda_1 - 1)x_2)}{(\lambda_2 x_1 - x_2)(x_1 - \lambda_1 + (\lambda_1 - 1)x_2)}$$

is an elliptic parameter of type  $\mathcal{J}_5$ . We have

$$u - 1 = \frac{-\lambda_1(\lambda_2 - 1)x_2(x_1 - 1)}{(\lambda_2 x_1 - x_2)(x_1 - \lambda_1 + (\lambda_1 - 1)x_2)},$$

which shows that the fiber at  $u = 1$  is a singular fiber of type  $I_6^*$ . Each of

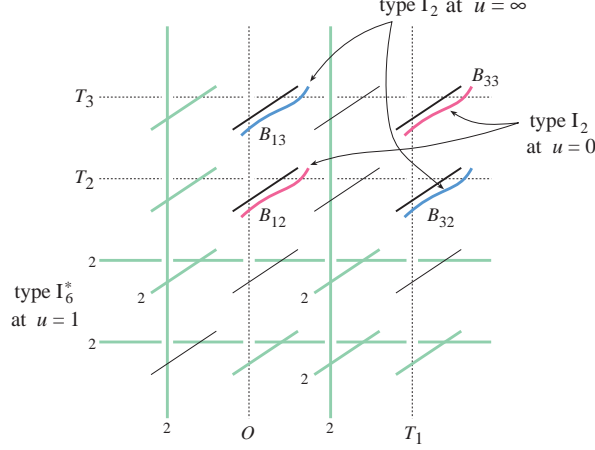


FIGURE 13.  $\mathcal{J}_5$

the divisors  $A_{12}$ ,  $A_{13}$ ,  $A_{32}$  and  $A_{33}$  is a component of a singular fiber of type  $I_2$ . The other  $(-2)$ -curves are pullbacks of  $(2, 2)$ -curves. For example, the singular fiber at  $u = \lambda_1 \lambda_2 - \lambda_1 + 1$  consists of  $A_{12}$  and the pullback of the  $(2, 2)$ -curve given by

$$\lambda_2 x_1(x_1 - 1) + (\lambda_1 - 1)(x_2 - 1)(\lambda_2 x_1 - x_2) = 0.$$

In order to obtain a Weierstrass equation using the curve  $G_0$  as the 0-section, we first put

$$X_0 = \frac{(x_1 - x_2)(x_1 - \lambda_1)}{x_1((x_1 - \lambda_1) + (\lambda_1 - 1)x_2)},$$

$$Y_0 = \frac{\lambda_1(\lambda_1 - 1)t x_2(x_1 - 1)(x_1 - \lambda_1)(x_2 - x_1)}{x_1(\lambda_2 x_1 - x_2)((x_1 - \lambda_1) + (\lambda_1 - 1)x_2)^2},$$

and then put

$$X = \lambda_1(\lambda_2 - 1)(u - 1)(u - \lambda_1 \lambda_2 + \lambda_1 - 1)((\lambda_1 \lambda_2 - \lambda_1 - \lambda_2)u + \lambda_2)X_0,$$

$$Y = \lambda_1^2(\lambda_2 - 1)^2(u - 1)^2(u - \lambda_1 \lambda_2 + \lambda_1 - 1)((\lambda_1 \lambda_2 - \lambda_1 - \lambda_2)u + \lambda_2)Y_0.$$

Then  $(X, Y)$  satisfy the Weierstrass equation

$$Y^2 = X(X - \alpha)(X - \beta),$$

where

$$\alpha = -\lambda_1(\lambda_2 - 1)(u - 1)((\lambda_1 \lambda_2 - 1)u - \lambda_1 + 1)((\lambda_1 \lambda_2 - \lambda_1 - \lambda_2)u + \lambda_2),$$

$$\beta = \lambda_1(\lambda_2 - 1)u(u - 1)(u - \lambda_1 \lambda_2 + \lambda_1 - 1)((\lambda_1 \lambda_2 - \lambda_2)u - \lambda_1 + \lambda_2).$$



The discriminant of this fibration is given by

$$\begin{aligned} \Delta(u) = & 16\lambda_1^6\lambda_2^2(\lambda_1 - 1)^2u^2(u - 1)^{12} \\ & \times (u - \lambda_1\lambda_2 + \lambda_1 - 1)^2((\lambda_1\lambda_2 - 1)u - \lambda_1 + 1)^2 \\ & \times ((\lambda_1\lambda_2 - \lambda_2)u - \lambda_1 + \lambda_2)^2((\lambda_1\lambda_2 - \lambda_1 - \lambda_2)u + \lambda_2)^2. \end{aligned}$$

The Mordell-Weil group of this elliptic surface has the following three sections:

$$F_3 \leftrightarrow T_1 = (0, 0),$$

$$G_2 \leftrightarrow T_2 = (\alpha, 0),$$

$$G_3 \leftrightarrow T_3 = (\beta, 0).$$

**5.3.  $\mathcal{J}_9$ .** In order to construct an elliptic fibration of type  $\mathcal{J}_9$ , we need to find a divisor of type  $I_0^*$  different from the ones appearing in  $\mathcal{J}_4$  or  $\mathcal{J}_7$ . To do so we look for a  $(-2)$ -curve  $P_{33}$  such that  $2G_3 + A_{03} + A_{33} + B_{33} + P_{33}$  is of type  $I_0^*$ . We can show that  $P_{33}$  cannot be a pullback of a  $(1, 1)$ -curve; if that were the case,  $B_{33}$  and  $P_{33}$  would have to intersect each other. Thus, we look for a  $(2, 2)$ -curve whose double cover serves as  $P_{33}$ .

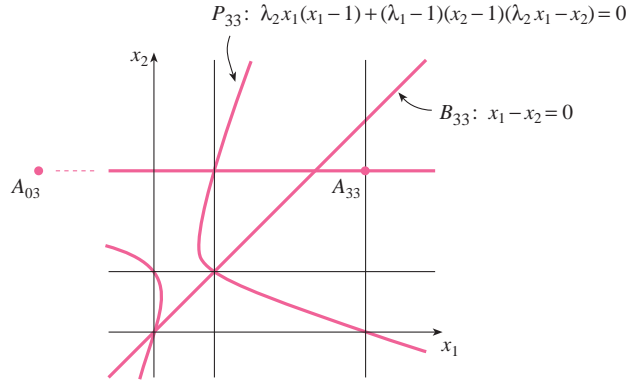


FIGURE 14. fiber at  $u = 0$

It turns out that the pullback of the  $(2, 2)$ -curve

$$(5.1) \quad \lambda_2 x_1 (x_1 - 1) + (\lambda_1 - 1)(x_2 - 1)(\lambda_2 x_1 - x_2) = 0$$

can be used as  $P_{33}$ . This curve is a component of a  $I_2$  fiber of the elliptic fibration of type  $\mathcal{J}_5$  which we constructed in the previous subsection. The  $(2, 2)$ -curve (5.1) has a node at  $R_{00}$ , and passes through  $R_{11}, R_{12}, R_{22}, R_{23}$ , and  $R_{31}$ . Fig. 14 shows the projection of the  $(-2)$ -curves contained in the

divisor  $\Psi_{9,0} = 2G_3 + A_{03} + A_{33} + B_{33} + P_{33}$ . (The projection of  $A_{03}$  is  $R_{03}$ , which is a point at infinity.)

Similarly, let  $P_{32}$  be the pullback of the  $(2, 2)$ -curve

$$\lambda_2 x_1(x_1 - 1) + (\lambda_1 - 1)(x_2 - \lambda_2)(x_1 - x_2) = 0.$$

Then, the divisor  $\Psi_{9,\infty} = 2G_2 + A_{02} + A_{32} + B_{32} + P_{32}$  is again of type  $I_0^*$ , which does not intersect with  $\Psi_{9,0}$ . Fig. 15 shows the curves contained in the divisor  $\Psi_{9,\infty}$ . Looking for the function having the divisor  $\Psi_{9,0} - \Psi_{9,\infty}$ ,

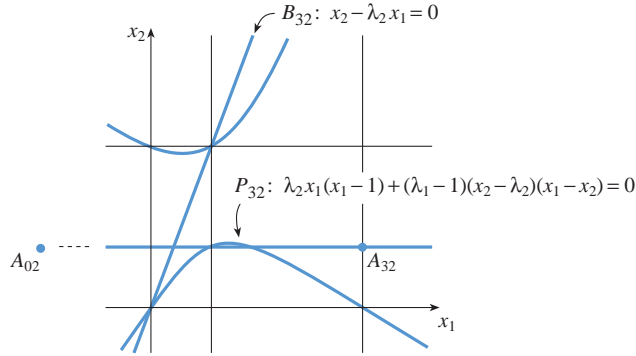


FIGURE 15. fiber at  $u = \infty$

we find the elliptic parameter  $u$  given by

$$(5.2) \quad u = \frac{(x_2 - \lambda_2)(x_1 - x_2)(\lambda_2 x_1(x_1 - 1) + (\lambda_1 - 1)(x_2 - 1)(\lambda_2 x_1 - x_2))}{(x_2 - 1)(\lambda_2 x_1 - x_2)(\lambda_2 x_1(x_1 - 1) + (\lambda_1 - 1)(x_2 - \lambda_2)(x_1 - x_2))}.$$

We have

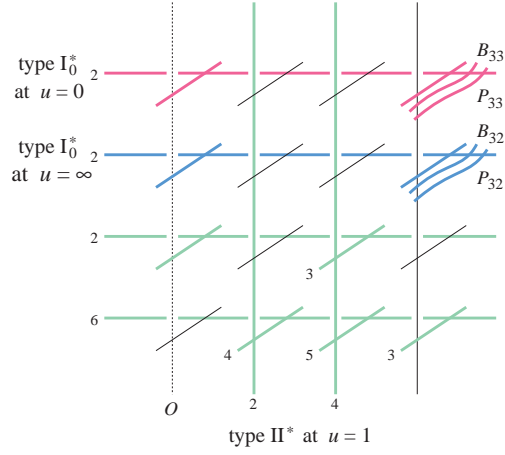
$$u - 1 = \frac{-\lambda_2(\lambda_2 - 1)x_1 x_2 (x_1 - 1)^2}{(x_2 - 1)(\lambda_2 x_1 - x_2)(\lambda_2 x_1(x_1 - 1) + (\lambda_1 - 1)(x_2 - \lambda_2)(x_1 - x_2))}.$$

The zero divisor of this function  $u - 1$  is given by the following divisor consisting only of the basic curves:

$$A_{01} + 2G_1 + 3A_{21} + 4F_2 + 5A_{20} + 6G_0 + 3A_{30} + 4A_{10} + 2F_1.$$

This is a singular fiber of type  $II^*$  (see Fig. 16). Thus, the elliptic parameter given by (5.2) is of type  $\mathcal{J}_9$ .

Our next task is to write down a Weierstrass equation. If we regard (5.2) as the defining equation of a curve in  $\mathbf{P}^1 \times \mathbf{P}^1$  defined over  $k(u)$ , then we can


 FIGURE 16.  $\mathcal{I}_9$ 

show that this curve is a curve of genus 0, and thus it can be parametrized. In fact, we can parametrize  $x_1$  and  $x_2$  satisfying (5.2) using the parameter

$$\xi = -\frac{(x_2 - 1)(\lambda_2 x_1 - x_2)}{\lambda_2 x_1 x_2}.$$

Actual parametrizations of  $x_1$  and  $x_2$  are complicated and we omit here. Substituting  $x_1$  and  $x_2$  in the equation (1.1) by these parametrizations, we obtain an equation of a curve of genus 1 with variables in  $(\xi, t)$  defined over  $k(u)$ . This equation turns out to be a quadratic equation in  $t$ , and it is easily converted to a Weierstrass equation. Combining all these, we obtain the change of variables

$$X_0 = -\frac{\lambda_2(\lambda_2 - 1)x_1(x_1 - 1)}{(x_2 - 1)(\lambda_2 x_1 - x_2)}, \quad Y_0 = \frac{\lambda_2(\lambda_2 - 1)}{t}$$

that converts (1.1) to a twisted form of Weierstrass equation

$$\begin{aligned} u(u-1)Y_0^2 &= X_0^3 + (\lambda_1\lambda_2 - 2\lambda_1 - 2\lambda_2 + 1)(u-1)X_0^2 \\ &\quad - (\lambda_1 + \lambda_2 - 1)(\lambda_1\lambda_2 - \lambda_1 - \lambda_2)(u-1)^2X_0 \\ &\quad - \lambda_1\lambda_2(\lambda_1 - 1)(\lambda_2 - 1)(u-1)^2. \end{aligned}$$

By letting

$$X = u(u-1)X_0, \quad Y = u^2(u-1)^2Y_0,$$

we obtain the following Weierstrass equation:

$$\begin{aligned} Y^2 = & X^3 + (\lambda_1\lambda_2 - 2\lambda_1 - 2\lambda_2 + 1)u(u-1)^2X^2 \\ & - (\lambda_1 + \lambda_2 - 1)(\lambda_1\lambda_2 - \lambda_1 - \lambda_2)u^2(u-1)^4X \\ & - \lambda_1\lambda_2(\lambda_1 - 1)(\lambda_2 - 1)u^3(u-1)^5. \end{aligned}$$

Its discriminant is of the form  $u^6(u-1)^{10}d(u)$ , where  $d(u)$  is a polynomial of degree 2. The discriminant of  $d(u)$  is given by

$$16\lambda_1^2\lambda_2^2(\lambda_1 - 1)^2(\lambda_2 - 1)^2(\lambda_1^2 - \lambda_1 + 1)^3(\lambda_2^2 - \lambda_2 + 1)^3.$$

If either  $\lambda_1$  or  $\lambda_2$  is a sixth root of unity, then two  $I_1$  fibers of the fibration degenerate to form a type II fiber.

**5.4.  $\mathcal{J}_{10}$ .** In order to construct an elliptic fibration of type  $\mathcal{J}_{10}$ , we must find yet another divisor of type  $I_0^*$ . The divisor  $\Psi_{9,0} = 2G_3 + A_{03} + A_{33} + B_{33} + P_{33}$  is a divisor of type  $I_0^*$  appearing in the elliptic fibration constructed in the previous subsection. Since neither  $B_{33}$  nor  $P_{33}$  intersects with  $A_{13}$ , we see that

$$\Psi_{10,0} = 2G_3 + A_{13} + A_{33} + B_{33} + P_{33}$$

is also a divisor of type  $I_0^*$ . We then find a divisor of type  $I_6^*$  that does not intersect with  $\Psi_{10,0}$ :

$$\begin{aligned} \Psi_{10,\infty} = & B_{32} + A_{32} + 2G_2 + 2A_{02} + 2F_0 + 2A_{01} \\ & + 2G_1 + 2A_{21} + 2F_2 + 2A_{20} + 2G_0 + A_{10} + A_{30} \end{aligned}$$

(see Fig.17). Looking for the function having the divisor  $\Psi_{10,0} - \Psi_{10,\infty}$ , we find the elliptic parameter of type  $\mathcal{J}_{10}$  given by

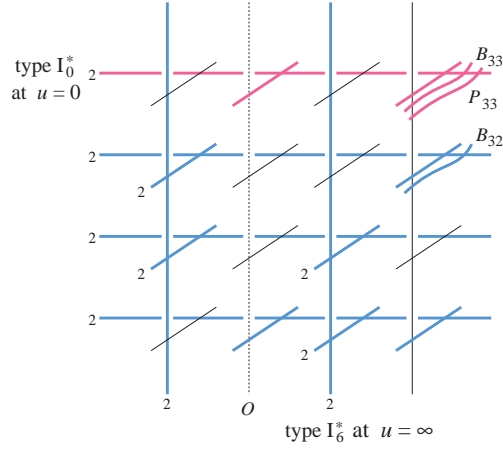
$$(5.3) \quad u = \frac{(x_2 - \lambda_2)(x_1 - x_2)((\lambda_1 - 1)(x_2 - 1)(\lambda_2 x_1 - x_2) + \lambda_2 x_1(x_1 - 1))}{x_2(x_2 - 1)(x_1 - 1)(\lambda_2 x_1 - x_2)}.$$

The curve in  $\mathbf{P}^1 \times \mathbf{P}^1$  over  $k(u)$  defined by (5.3) is a curve of genus 0. As in the case of  $\mathcal{J}_9$ , the parameter

$$\xi = \frac{(x_1 - x_2)(x_2 - \lambda_2)}{(x_1 - 1)x_2},$$

can be used to parametrize this curve. We can proceed in a similar manner to the case of  $\mathcal{J}_9$  and we obtain the change of variables

$$\begin{aligned} X_0 &= \frac{\lambda_1(\lambda_1 - 1)(x_2 - 1)(\lambda_2 x_1 - x_2)}{x_1(x_1 - 1)}, \\ Y_0 &= \frac{\lambda_1(\lambda_1 - 1)(x_2 - 1)^2(\lambda_2 x_1 - x_2)^2}{tx_1^2(x_1 - 1)^2}, \end{aligned}$$


 FIGURE 17.  $\mathcal{J}_{10}$ 

which converts (1.1) to

$$\begin{aligned} uY_0^2 = & X_0^3 - (u + \lambda_1 + \lambda_2 - 1)(u - \lambda_1\lambda_2 + \lambda_1 + \lambda_2)X_0^2 \\ & + \lambda_1\lambda_2(\lambda_1 - 1)(\lambda_2 - 1)(2u - \lambda_1\lambda_2 + 2\lambda_1 + 2\lambda_2 - 1)X_0 \\ & + \lambda_1^2\lambda_2^2(\lambda_1 - 1)^2(\lambda_1 - 1)^2. \end{aligned}$$

Putting

$$X = uX_0, \quad Y = u^2Y_0,$$

we obtain the Weierstrass equation

$$\begin{aligned} Y^2 = & X^3 + u(u - \lambda_1 - \lambda_2 + 1)(u + \lambda_1\lambda_2 - \lambda_1 - \lambda_2)X^2 \\ & + \lambda_1\lambda_2(\lambda_1 - 1)(\lambda_2 - 1)u^2(2u + \lambda_1\lambda_2 - 2\lambda_1 - 2\lambda_2 + 1)X \\ & + \lambda_1^2\lambda_2^2(\lambda_1 - 1)^2(\lambda_1 - 1)^2u^3. \end{aligned}$$

Its discriminant is of the form  $u^6d(u)$ , where  $d(u)$  is a polynomial of degree 2. We can show that  $d(u)$  can have a multiple root without  $C_1$  and  $C_2$  being isogenous.

## 6. Full list of the defining equations in a special case

In this section, we take as  $C_1$  and  $C_2$  the most familiar elliptic curves

$$(6.1) \quad C_1 : y_1^2 = x_1^3 - x_1, \quad C_2 : y_2^2 = x_2^3 - 1,$$

and write down the full list of the defining equations of mutually nonisomorphic elliptic fibrations on the Kummer surface  $S = \text{Km}(C_1 \times C_2)$  in characteristic 0. Although they are very special among elliptic curves (e.g.

automorphisms or complex multiplications), corresponding Kummer surface  $S$  serves as a more or less “typical” case, since  $C_1, C_2$  are not isogenous to each other.

In this case, the number  $N(n)$  of nonisomorphic elliptic fibrations on  $S$  of type  $\mathcal{J}_n$  has been determined by Oguiso as follows:

$$N(n) = 1 \quad \text{for } n = 2, 3, 5, 8, 9, 10,$$

and

$$N(n) = 2 \quad \text{for } n = 1, 4, 6, 7, 11.$$

(See Oguiso [8, p. 652]. We note that this number  $N$  is *not* typical among all non-isogenous curves, as shown there.)

Now observe that the values of Legendre parameter  $\lambda_i$  for the present  $C_i$  are as follows:

$$\lambda_1 = -1, -2 \text{ or } 1/2, \quad \lambda_2 = -\omega \text{ or } -\omega^2,$$

where  $\omega$  is a cubic root of unity. In the following, we write down the  $N = N(n)$  defining equations for each type  $\mathcal{J}_n$ . When  $N = 1$ , we give essentially the same equation as the one constructed in the previous sections, except that we make some coordinate change when it makes the equation look simpler. When  $N > 1$ , we make the same construction as before using a suitable equivalent value of  $\lambda_i$ . We briefly indicate how to verify that the resulting defining equations are not isomorphic to each other.

### 6.1. $\mathcal{J}_1$ .

$$(6.2) \quad y^2 = x(x^2 + (u^4 + 1)x + 4u^4),$$

$$J = \frac{1}{108} \frac{(u^8 - 10u^4 + 1)^3}{u^8(u^8 - 14u^4 + 1)}.$$

$$(6.3) \quad y^2 = x(x^2 + (u^4 + 6(2\omega + 1)u^2 + 1)x - 32u^4),$$

$$J = \frac{1}{6912} \frac{(u^8 + 12(2\omega + 1)u^6 - 10u^4 + 12(2\omega + 1)u^2 + 1)^3}{u^8(u^8 + 12(2\omega + 1)u^6 + 22u^4 + 12(2\omega + 1)u^2 + 1)}.$$

Both the equations (6.2) and (6.3) have two  $I_8$  fibers at  $u = 0$  and  $\infty$  and eight  $I_1$  fibers. Suppose they define isomorphic elliptic curves over  $k(u)$ . Then there must be a linear transformation of  $u$  fixing 0 and  $\infty$  which sends one  $J$  into the other,  $J$  denoting the classical absolute invariant of the generic fibre (normalized so that  $J = 1$  for  $y^2 = x^3 - x$ ). But this is impossible, as the positions of the eight  $I_1$  fibers are determined by the simple poles of  $J$  and they cannot be transformed by such a linear transformation. This proves that the two elliptic fibrations are not isomorphic to each other.

**6.2.  $\mathcal{J}_2$ .**

$$(6.4) \quad y^2 = x(x^2 - (3u^4 + 6u^2 - 1)x + 32u^6),$$

$$J = \frac{1}{6912} \frac{(9u^8 - 60u^6 + 30u^4 - 12u^2 + 1)^3}{u^{12}(u^4 - 10u^2 + 1)(9u^4 - 2u^2 + 1)}.$$

**6.3.  $\mathcal{J}_3$ .**

$$(6.5) \quad y^2 = x^3 + u^4(u^4 + 1), \quad J = 0.$$

**6.4.  $\mathcal{J}_4$ .**

$$(6.6) \quad y^2 = x^3 - (u^3 - 1)^2x, \quad (u = x_1), \quad J = 1.$$

$$(6.7) \quad y^2 = x^3 - (v^3 - v)^3, \quad (v = x_2), \quad J = 0.$$

These are the two obvious elliptic fibrations on  $S$  induced by the projections  $C_1 \times C_2 \rightarrow C_1$  or  $C_2$ .

**6.5.  $\mathcal{J}_5$ .**

$$(6.8) \quad y^2 = x(x - 4)(x + 2u(u^2 + 3u + 3)).$$

$$J = \frac{1}{27} \frac{(u^6 + 6u^5 + 15u^4 + 20u^3 + 15u^2 + 6u + 4)^3}{u^2(u + 2)^2(u^2 + u + 1)^2(u^2 + 3u + 3)^2}.$$

**6.6.  $\mathcal{J}_6$ .**

$$(6.9) \quad y^2 = x(x + 2u^2)(x - u(u^2 - u + 1)),$$

$$J = \frac{1}{27} \frac{(u^4 + 5u^2 + 1)^3}{u^2(u^4 + u^2 + 1)^2}.$$

$$(6.10) \quad y^2 = x(x - \omega u^2)(x + u(2u - 1)(u + \omega^2)),$$

$$J = \frac{4}{27} \frac{\omega(2u^2 - (\omega + 2)u - \omega^2)^3(2u^2 - 2(\omega + 2)u - \omega^2)^3}{u^2(u - 1)^2(2u - 1)^2(u + \omega^2)^2(2u + \omega^2)^2}.$$

The Legendre parameters we employed for the first equation (6.9) are  $\lambda_1 = -\omega, \lambda_2 = -1$ , while those for the second one (6.10) are  $\lambda_1 = -\omega, \lambda_2 = 2$ . That the two equations define nonisomorphic elliptic fibrations can be checked in the same way as the case for  $\mathcal{J}_1$  above.

**6.7.  $\mathcal{J}_7$ .**

$$(6.11) \quad y^2 = x(x^2 - u(u+1)(u+2)x + u^2(u+2)^2),$$

$$J = \frac{4}{27} \frac{(u^2 + 2u - 2)^3}{(u-1)(u+3)}.$$

$$(6.12) \quad y^2 = x(x^2 + \omega u(u-1)(u-3\omega-2)x + 2\omega^2 u^2(u-1)^2).$$

$$J = \frac{1}{27} \frac{(u^2 - 2(3\omega+2)u + 3\omega - 11)^3}{(u^2 - 2(3\omega+2)u + 3\omega - 13)}.$$

In this case, we can check that there is a linear transformation of  $u$  sending the first  $J$  into the second one. However it does not preserve the position of singular fibres which can be seen from the discriminants (but not from the absolute invariants). Hence (6.11) and (6.12) are not isomorphic.

**6.8.  $\mathcal{J}_8$ .**

$$(6.13) \quad y^2 = x(x^2 + u(3u+2)x + u^2(1+3u+3u^2+2u^3)),$$

$$J = \frac{4}{27} \frac{(6u^3 - 3u - 1)^3}{u^2(2u+1)^2(u^2+u+1)^2(8u+3)}.$$

**6.9.  $\mathcal{J}_9$ .**

$$(6.14) \quad y^2 = x^3 + u(u^2 - 4)^3, \quad J = 0.$$

**6.10.  $\mathcal{J}_{10}$ .**

$$(6.15) \quad y^2 = x^3 + u^2(u+3)x^2 + u^2(-2u^2 - 2u + 3)x + u^4(u-1).$$

We omit  $J$ .

**6.11.  $\mathcal{J}_{11}$ .**

$$(6.16) \quad y^2 = x^3 - 27u^2(u^4 + 6u^3 + 5u^2 - 6u + 1)x$$

$$- 54u^3(u^2 + 1)(u^4 + 9u^3 + 20u^2 - 9u + 1).$$

$$(6.17) \quad y^2 = x^3 - 27u^2(4u^4 - 12u^3 + 10(\omega+1)u^2 - 6\omega u + \omega)x$$

$$+ 27u^3(16u^6 - 72u^5 + 6(19 + 10\omega)u^4$$

$$- 63(1 + 2\omega)u^3 + 3(-9 + 10\omega)u^2 + 18u - 2).$$

We omit  $J$ , but it can be checked that the two elliptic fibrations are not isomorphic to each other by a similar argument as before.

Thus we have listed the defining equations of elliptic fibrations (with a section) on the Kummer surface  $S = \text{Km}(C_1 \times C_2)$  with  $C_i$  given by (6.1) over an algebraically closed field  $k$  of characteristic 0. Needless to say that the function field  $k(x, y, u)$  defined by each of the equations (6.2) through



(6.17) is isomorphic to one and the same function field  $k(S)$ , which is the extension  $k(x_1, x_2, t)$  with  $t = y_1/y_2$  determined by (6.1).

## 7. Closing remark

In closing this paper, it should be remarked that the problems posed in the Introduction (§1.1) should be interesting and worth considering for more general  $K3$  surfaces.

Even in the case of Kummer surfaces, we could ask such questions as follows:

**PROBLEM 5.** *Study Problems 1 and 2 for the Kummer surface  $X = \text{Km}(A)$ , when  $A$  is the Jacobian variety of a genus two curve.*

For this, the so-called  $16_6$ -configuration of thirty-two  $(-2)$ -curves on  $X$  should play an important role in place of the twenty-four basic curves used in this paper. A special case has been treated in Shioda [13].

According to Weil [15], a principally polarized abelian surface is either the Jacobian variety of a genus two curve or a product of two elliptic curves. Beyond the case of principally polarized abelian surfaces, we ask:

**PROBLEM 6.** *Find at least one elliptic parameter for the Kummer surface  $X = \text{Km}(A)$  when  $A$  is a generic member in a family of polarized abelian surfaces.*

The coefficients in the defining equation (especially the discriminant) for such should be related to some modular forms or theta-functions of interest.

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In answering these requests, (i) we have tried our best to minimize the possible errors (but still some errors might have crept in during correction). (ii) In char  $k = 3$ , it is possible that some of the defining equations becomes a quasi-elliptic fibration. We should leave this question to the interested reader, but let us say this: if for example we let  $\lambda_1 = \lambda_2 = -1$  in char  $k = 3$ , then  $\mathcal{J}_3$ -fibration gives the same equation as the  $\mathcal{J}_3$ -fibration in §6 (for

$\text{char } k \neq 3$ ), which is indeed quasi-elliptic in  $\text{char } k = 3$ . (iii) We have added a new section §6 in the revised version to respond to this request.

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